


Today we are going to focus on identifying the main ideas of the text.





Balance Targets

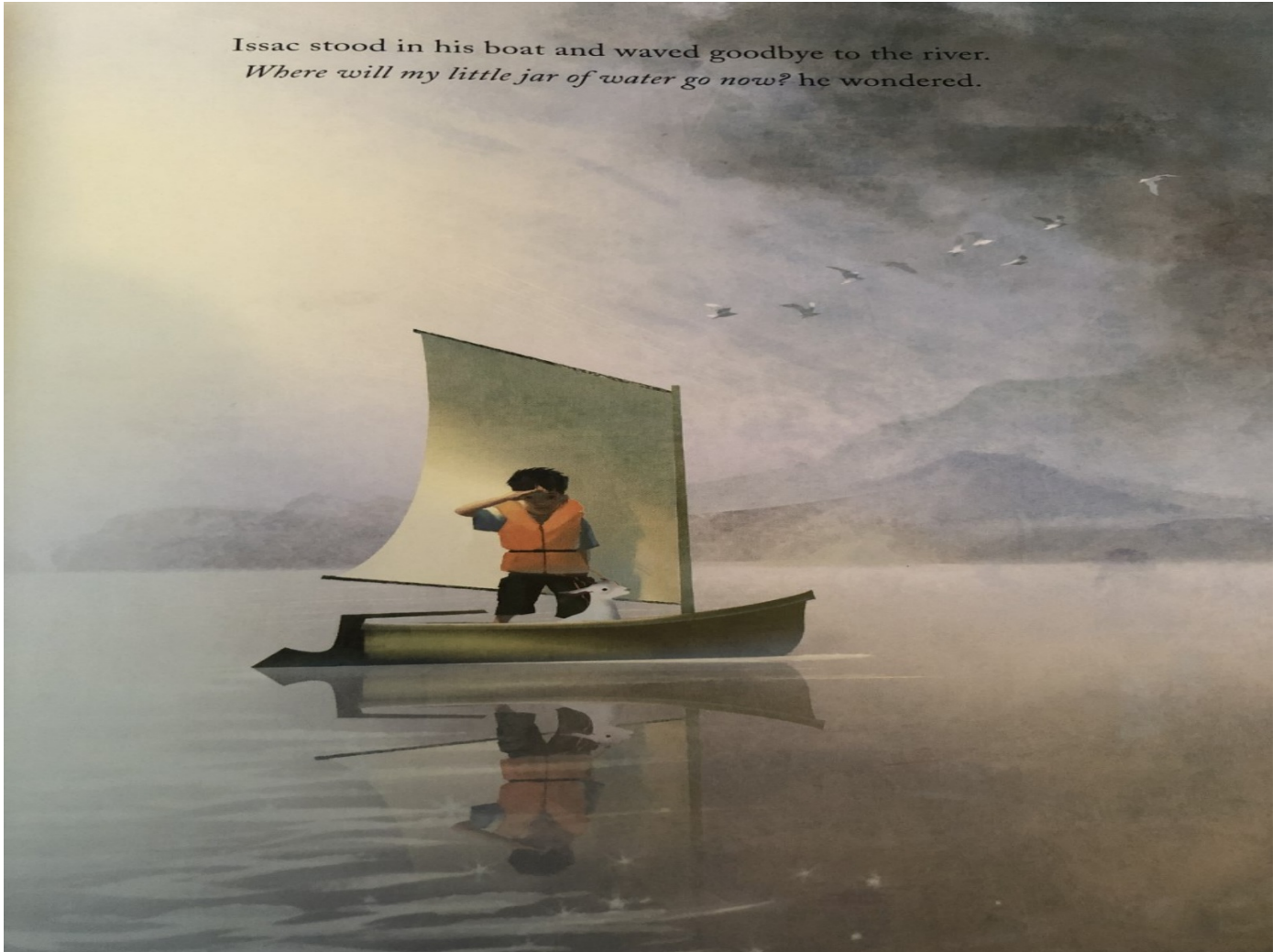
-Identify the main ideas within a text or within a paragraph

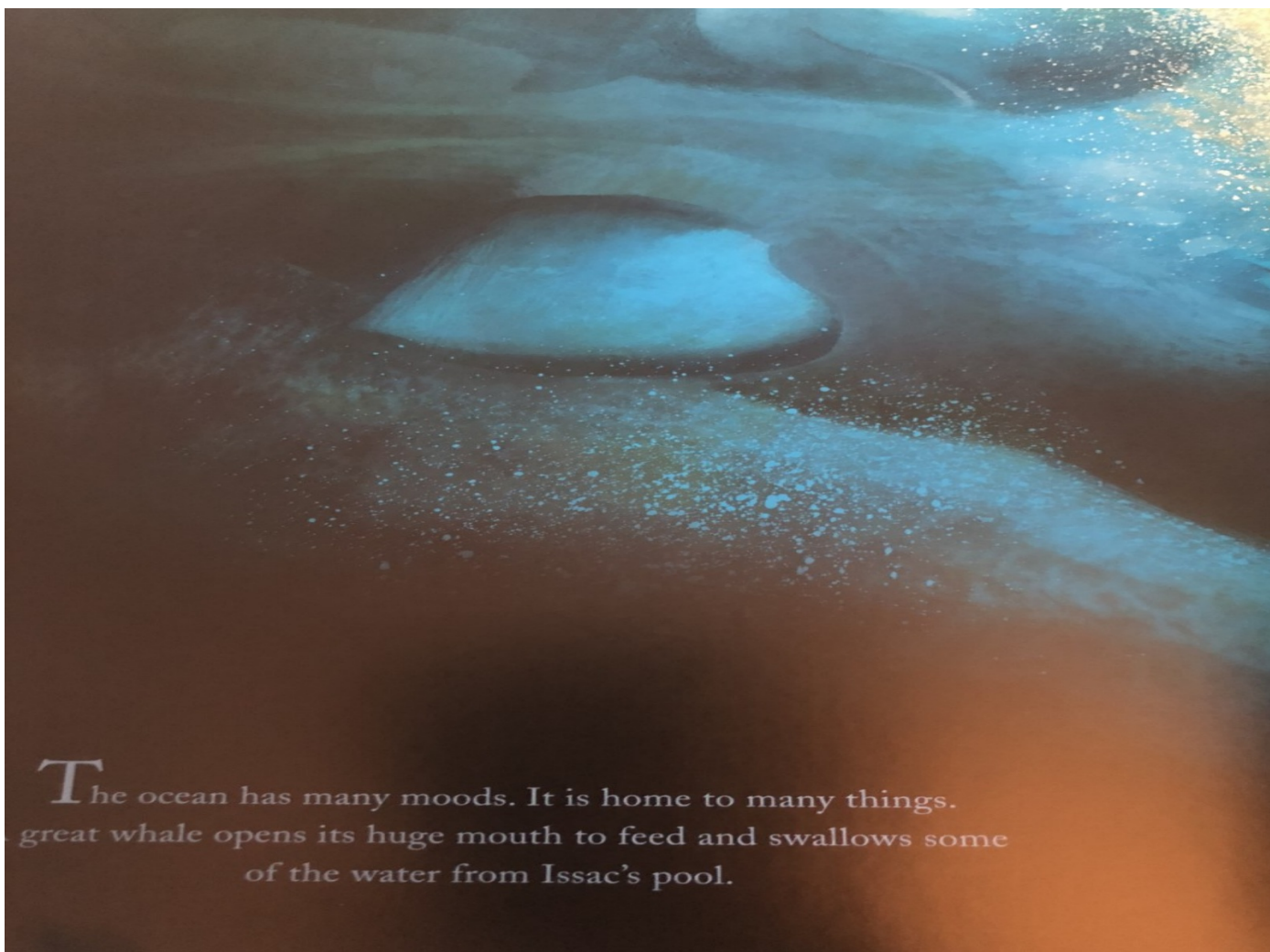


Listen to the story again.



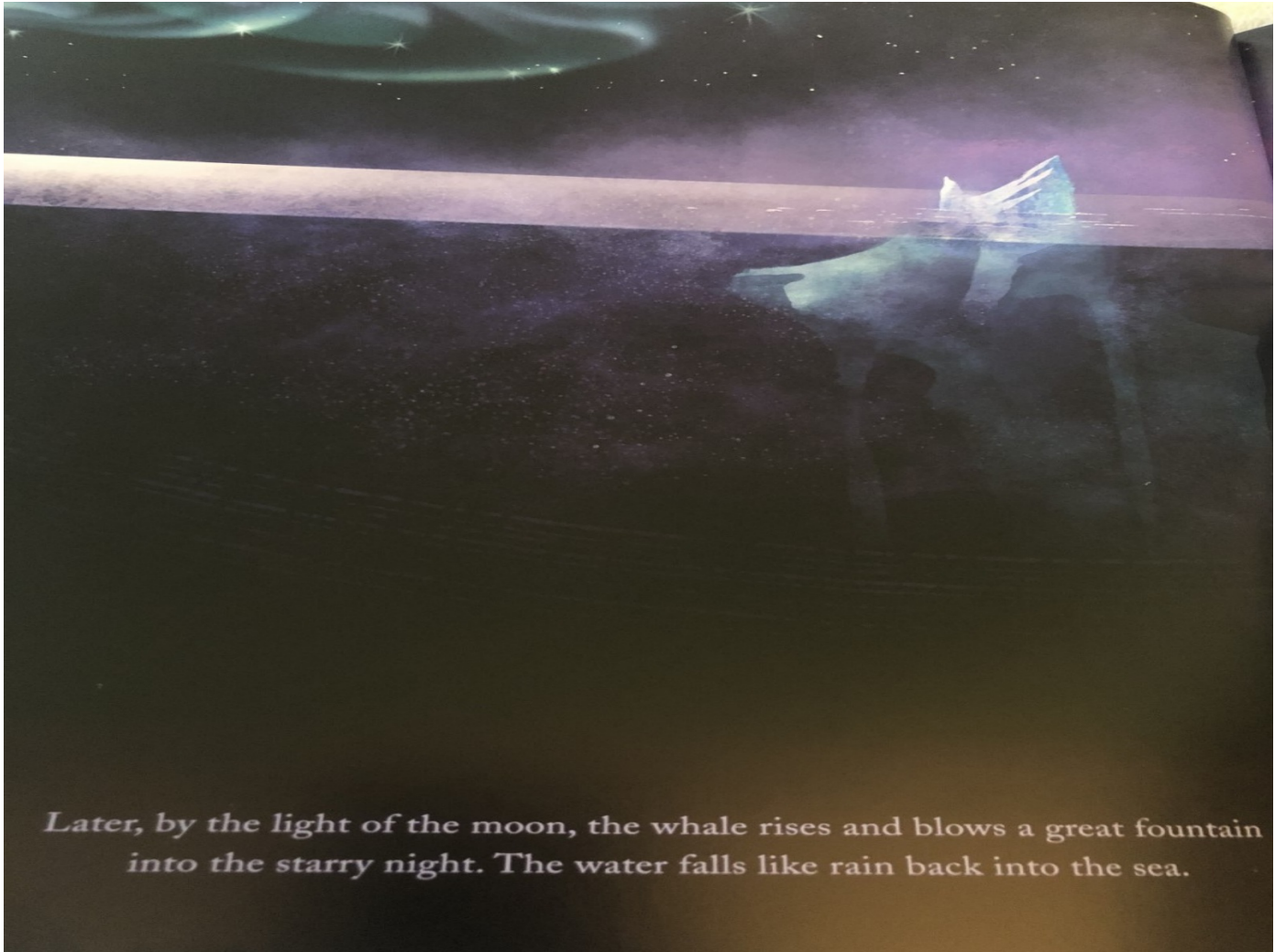
Issac stood in his boat and waved goodbye to the river.
Where will my little jar of water go now? he wondered.



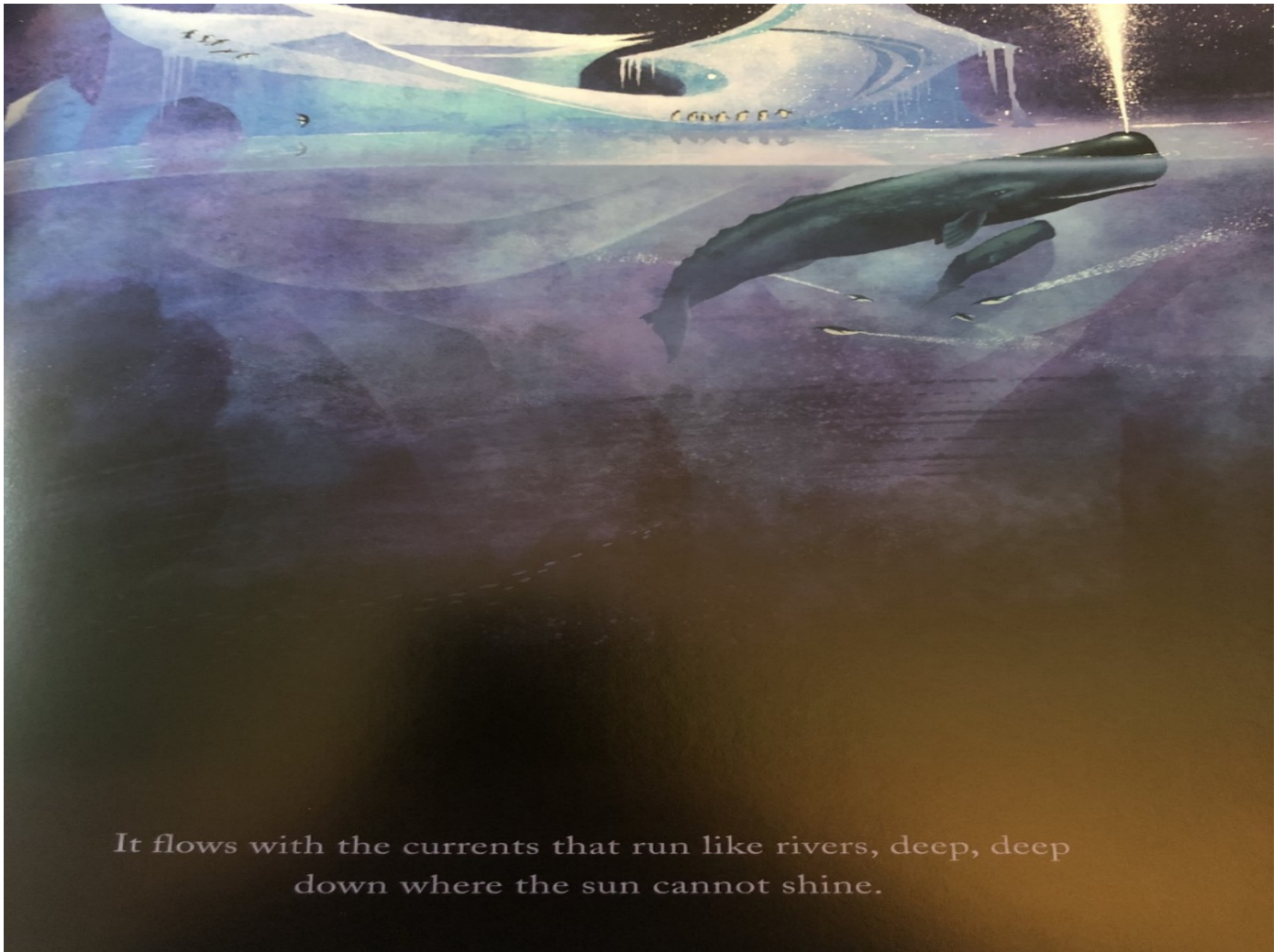


*The ocean has many moods. It is home to many things.
A great whale opens its huge mouth to feed and swallows some
of the water from Issac's pool.*

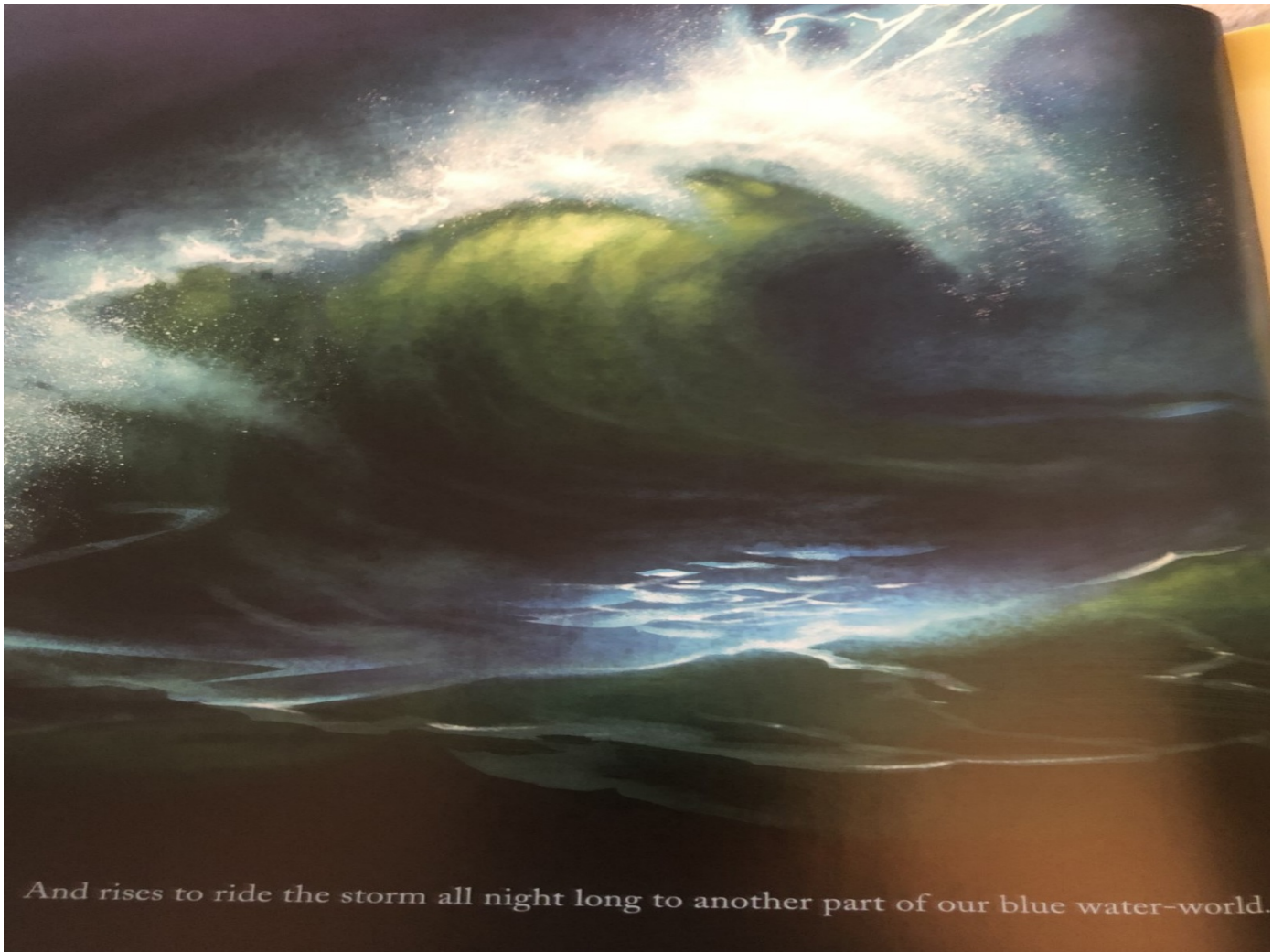




Later, by the light of the moon, the whale rises and blows a great fountain into the starry night. The water falls like rain back into the sea.



*It flows with the currents that run like rivers, deep, deep
down where the sun cannot shine.*



And rises to ride the storm all night long to another part of our blue water-world.

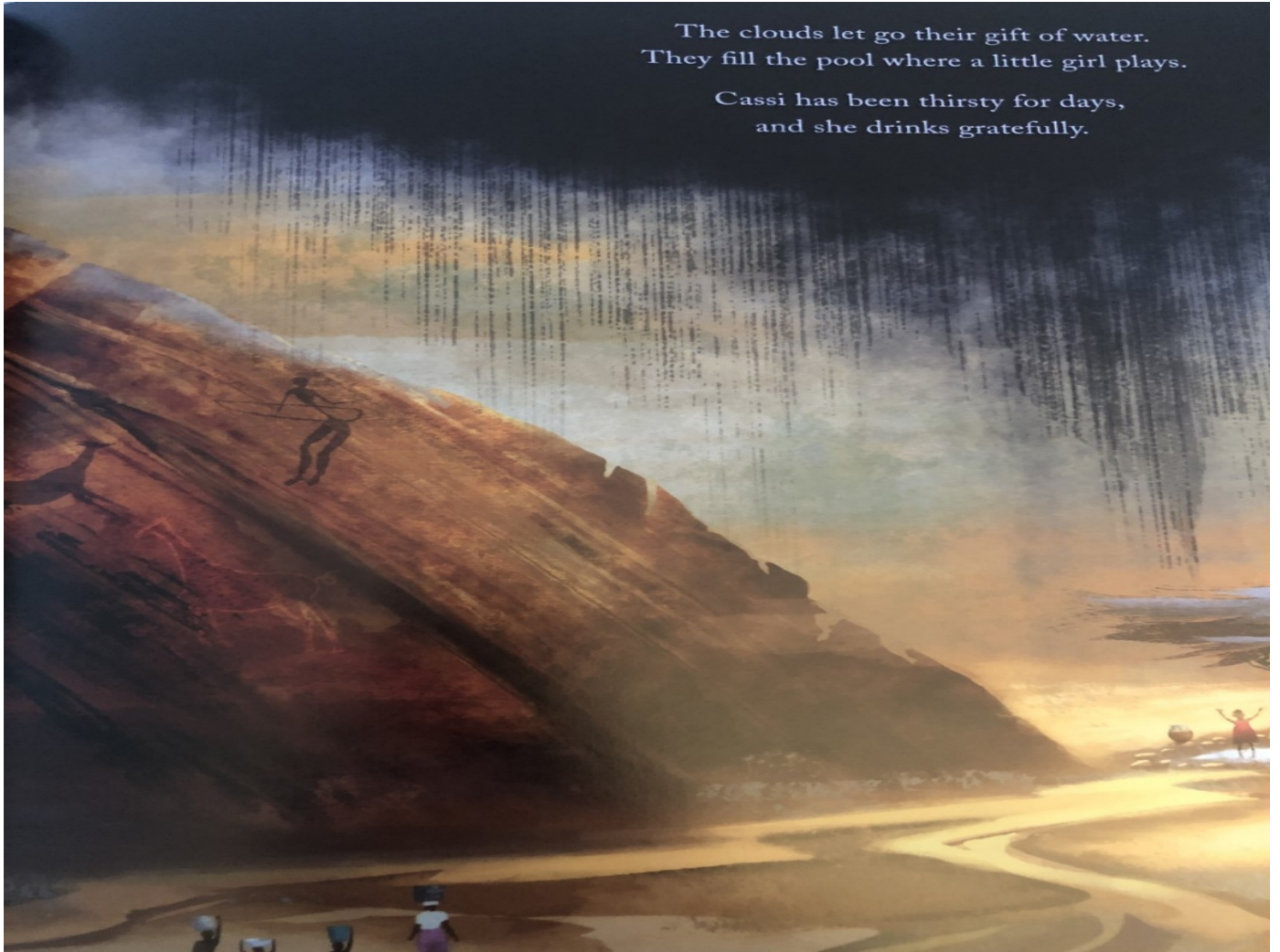


In the calm morning, the sun turns the waves golden.
The ocean steams beneath the heat and climbs as a mist into the sky.
The mist cools and gathers into a cloud that floats over a mountain
in a country far, far away from Issac's pool.



The clouds let go their gift of water.
They fill the pool where a little girl plays.

Cassi has been thirsty for days,
and she drinks gratefully.





Down the mountain the river runs.
Where it goes, the earth turns green. Elephants and giraffe,
flamingoes and zebra celebrate the return of the rain.
On and on the river runs . . .



Back to the sea . . .





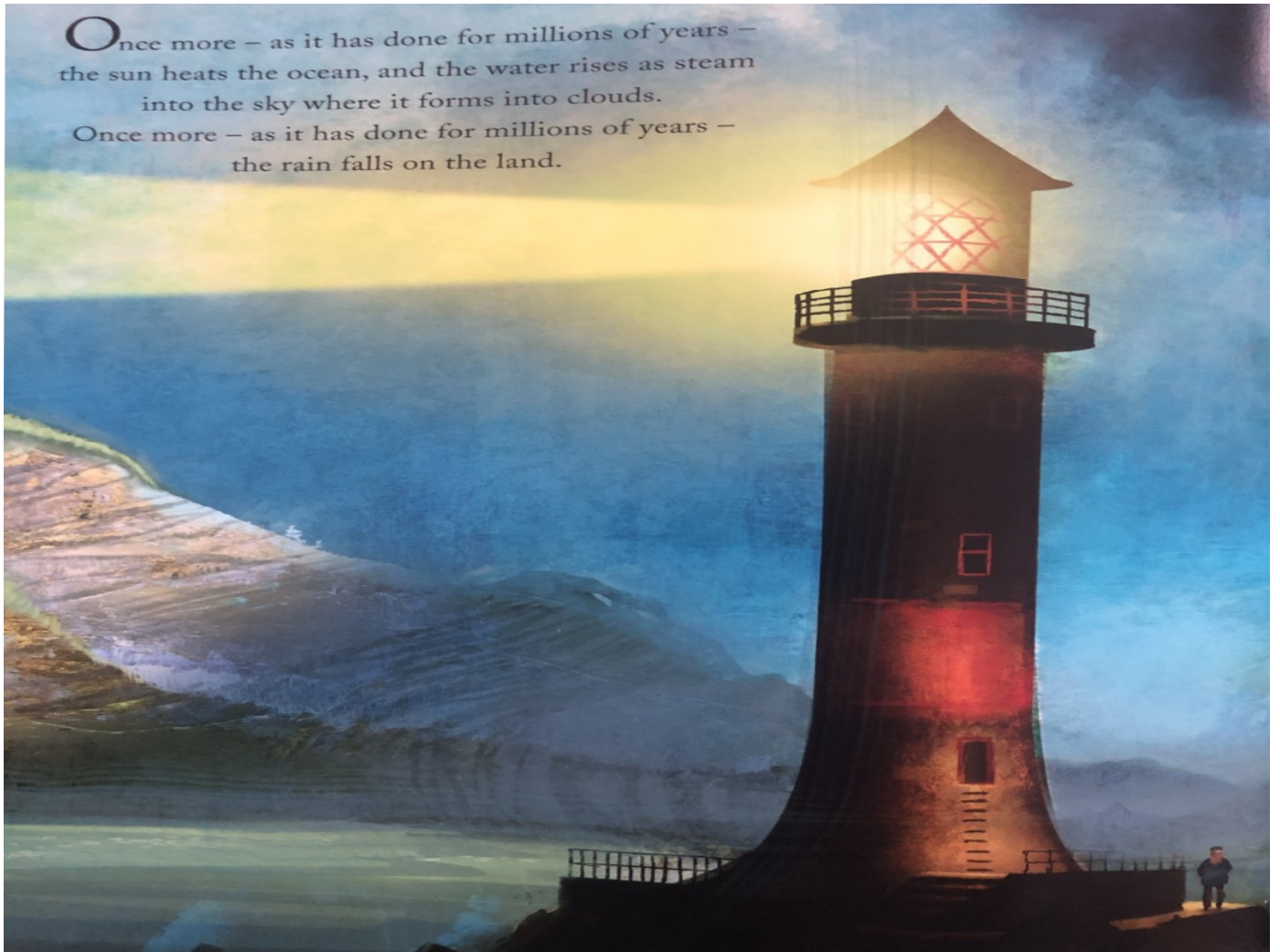


... where a giant squid,
surprised by a shark ...

... cleverly creates a cloud of ink,
and sucking in the sea,
jets away undercover to safety.



Once more – as it has done for millions of years –
the sun heats the ocean, and the water rises as steam
into the sky where it forms into clouds.
Once more – as it has done for millions of years –
the rain falls on the land.





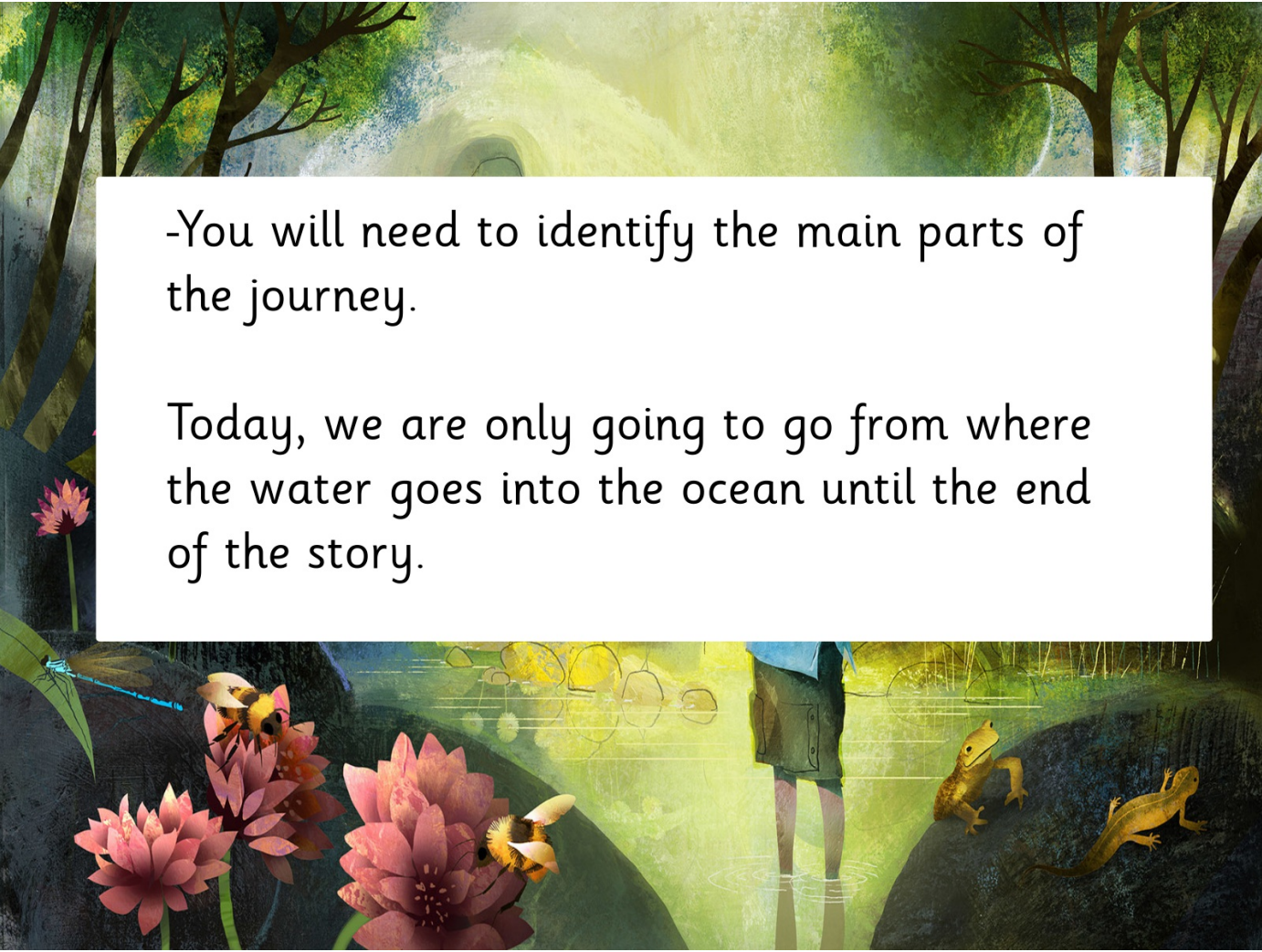


And thirsty flowers draw the
wandering water into themselves,
waving like bright flags around
the pool where Issac plays.



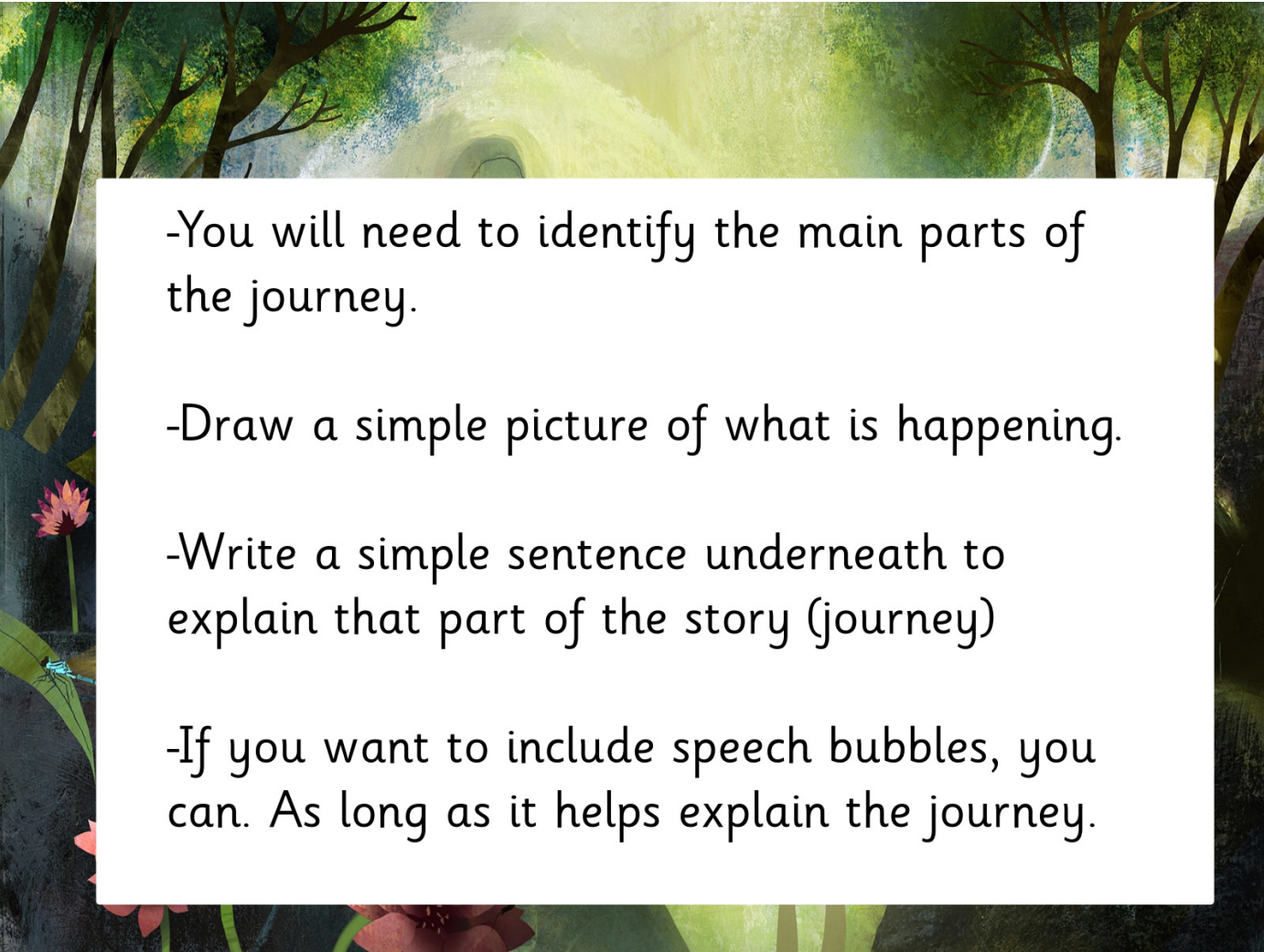


We need to continue to pick out the main events that happen to the water on it's journey.



-You will need to identify the main parts of the journey.

Today, we are only going to go from where the water goes into the ocean until the end of the story.



-You will need to identify the main parts of the journey.

-Draw a simple picture of what is happening.

-Write a simple sentence underneath to explain that part of the story (journey)

-If you want to include speech bubbles, you can. As long as it helps explain the journey.

